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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: WEAVER et al. Confirmation No. 6518

Application No.: 10/665,431 Group Art Unit: 3733

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For: BONE PLATING SYSTEM Attorney Docket No.: 8932-807-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 27, 2005 be extended for a period of one month from March 27, 2006 to and including April 27, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$ 120.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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